

# Haverfordwest Rural District Council

## ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

Medical Officer of Health <sup>A.</sup>

FOR THE YEAR 1939.

To The Chairman,

The Ministry of Health,  
Welsh Board of Health.

Sir,

I herewith submit my report for year ending 1939, as per Circular 2067 (Wales) of 19th July, 1940.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following cases were notified:—

Scarlet Fever .....	11
Diphtheria .....	5
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	1

Tuberculosis:—

Pulmonary .....	24
Non-Pulmonary .....	6
Deaths .....	5

### WATER SUPPLIES.

Further extensions of the water main, Little Newcastle to Solva have been approved by the Council for supplying the villages of Wolfscastle, Ford, Abercastle, Llanrhian. The water from the Main Wells at Hot Wells, Little Newcastle, has proved satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

## SCAVENGING.

The introduction of a clause in the contract at the commencement of each year to the effect that the Contractor for the collection of house refuse is also responsible for the control of the tip, has minimised nuisances arising therefrom. All the refuse tips are now situated in isolated areas at a considerable distance from the villages concerned.

## MILK SUPPLY AND DAIRY FARMS.

Re-registration of all wholesale and retail dairy farmers were made during the year. 769 inspection were made for this purpose.

### No. of sellers of milk:—

Retail .....	67
Wholesale .....	776
No. providing Accredited Milk .....	79
T.T. Milk .....	142

## SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

Number of Registered Slaughter Houses ..... 19

1080 lbs. of meat was condemned and destroyed being unfit for human consumption.

The coming into force of the Food and Drug Act, 1938, on the 1st October, 1939, and Section 57, dealing with the Licensing of Slaughter Houses and Knackers Yards has considerably assisted in reducing the number of small Private Slaughter Houses within the area.

### Food and Drug Act, 1938, Section 14:—

Number of Premises Registered for:

1. (a) Sale, manufacture and Storage of Ice Cream ..... 5
- (b) Sale and storage of Ice Cream ..... 1
- No. of Registrations refused, until premises are made fit for the manufacture, storage and sale of Ice Cream ..... 1
2. Preparation or Manufacture of Sausages or pressed, potted, pickled or preserved food intended for sale ..... 5

## HOUSING.

No. of new houses erected by private enterprise in the District during the year .....	39
No. of new houses erected by the Rural Authority .....	16
No. of Cottages re-constructed by the addition of extra bedrooms, sculleries, etc. ....	17

### Inspections of Dwelling Houses:—

		North.	South.
	1. (a) No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects...	289	278
	(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose .....	307	296
1	2. (a) No. of dwelling houses (included and recorded 1 above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Act .....	143	42
	(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose .....	150	62
	3. No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...	48	42
	4. No of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation .....	31	25

### 2 Action under the Statutory Powers during the Year:—

(a) Proceedings under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936:—		
(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	24	25
(2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after serving formal notice .....	21	14
By local Authority in default of Owners .....	—	—
(b) Proceedings under Section 92 Public Health Act, 1936:—		

(1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defect to be remedied .....	19	17
(2) No. of dwellings in which defects were remedied after serving of formal notice .....	15	17
By Local Authority in default of Owners .....	—	—
(c) Proceedings under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936:—		
(1) No. of Dwellings considered at Time and Place Meetings .....	18	20
No. of Dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders were made .....	14	14
No. of Dwellings Demolished in pursuance of Demolition Order .....	9	8

#### **Overcrowding:—**

(a) No. of Dwellings Overcrowded .....	36	41
No. of Families dwelling there .....	39	45
No. of Persons concerned ...	181	229
(b) No. of cases of overcrowding abated during the year ...	11	15
No. of Persons concerned ...	59	78

#### **SCHOOLS.**

No. of Schools in the Rural Area:—

Council.	N.P.
24	37—61

The Sanitary arrangements of many Schools situated away from the water mains still leave much to be desired.

#### **Tents and Caravans:—**

There has been a considerable increase in this means of habitation during the holiday seasons around the coast and the owners were instructed in many instances to provide better sanitary accommodation and proper receptacles for all refuse.

I remain,

Your Obedient Servant,

**J. HOWARD OWEN**

M.O.H., R.D.